

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Background on the Gospel Reading:**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

**Weekday Mass:**

10 am – Tuesday to Friday

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm

**\*Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

**Bible Study:**

**Thursday, April 25 at 7pm.**

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Postponed until further notice.

**Reconciliation:**

By request.

**Marriages:**

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**Family Connections:**

At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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**April 13 & 14, 2024**

Regular Sunday	1753.00
Loose Offering	120.75
Parish Dues	150.00
Building Fund	65.00
Lenten Folders	20.00
Votive Candles	10.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Development & Peace	5.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00
Living with Christ	6.00
Easter Flowers	10.00

**MASS INTENTIONS April 23 - 28**

Tue. 10am	Late Annie Griffin Late Doris Moore
Wed. 10am	Late Kevin (Bud) Dunphy
Thur. 10am	Late Marie C. Byrne
Fri. 10am	Late Greta Gillard
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Mary Wheeler Late Brian Griffin
Sun. 11 am	Late Stella Cave

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>April 27</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Jacqueline Neville	John Carroll
<b>April 28</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks
<b>Communion to the sick – John Carroll</b>	

**BIBLE STUDY:** Next bible study class will be held on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**EASTER FLOWERS – IN MEMORY OF:**

The Late Vince Lewis,  
from Brenda and family.

**SACRED HEART BINGO:**

The next bingo will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm. Our final tally for the bingo/bake sale in March was \$3000 which was donated to Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you to everyone.

**DAY OF MOURNING CEREMONY:**

A national Day of Mourning Ceremony will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The ceremony is held annually to honor workers killed or injured in industrial accidents, or those who have died from exposure to hazardous industrial chemicals and dusts. Families, Unions and Government officials and others will have an opportunity to lay a wreath. If you wish to have someone remembered at this ceremony and wish to lay a wreath, please contact Jim O’Neill, Chairman, at (709) 634-3695, or email [jloneill@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:jloneill@nf.sympatico.ca).

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6pm in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

**POTLUCK BRUNCH: SACRED HEART PARISH**

Our first Sunday potluck brunch was held this past Sunday since Father Lee Lainey’s arrival in September and since Covid 19. It was a great success. Thank you to all the parishioners who attended and brought food. The dinner music made the day. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. We will be having another one sometime in the near future, we will let you know when.

**MARY’S KITCHEN, Sacred Heart Volunteers:**

Sacred Heart volunteers only have a little over a week left to help out during each Friday at 3:30 -5:30 pm at Mary's Kitchen. Sign up at the back of the Church if you are interested. This is held in the basement of the Cathedral and sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**

**March Month:** 34 furniture deliveries were made, which included 23 mattresses, 9 dressers, 14 sofas/sofa chairs, 7 tables and other items.

**Mary's Kitchen:** saw a total of 115 adults served, with a total of 84 volunteer hours. Many thanks to the Confirmation youth group who helped out last month.  
**Poor Box collections:** Will be held at all parishes for the weekend masses of April 27-28. Note: your ongoing support goes beyond appreciation and gratitude. It also shows your awareness of the issues facing many individuals and families in our area. Thanks for taking active steps to do your part.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY HISTORICAL CHURCH,**

**PORT AU PORT:** On-line voting has begun to select three heritage sites in Canada for a sizable grant from National Trust Canada. Our Lady of Mercy Church on the Port au Port Peninsula is one of the finalist. You can vote multiple times in the next two weeks, please go to the website below and vote for Our Lady of Mercy Church. <https://nextgreatsave.nationaltrustcanada.ca/2024>  
Let us support our Catholic Heritage Sites. Thank you.” Fraternally in Christ, Bishop Bart van Roijen, Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador.

**CHASE THE ACE HOLY REDEEMER PARISH:**

Each Wednesday – Ticket sales start 6pm to 7:45pm, draw time is 8pm. You must be present at the time of the draw to win!  
**Located** at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Gym, 112 Humber Rd., Corner Brook.  
**TICKETS** \$2.00 each – **21 cards** remaining.  
The **ACE OF SPADES** was **NOT** drawn so the next progressive jackpot is **\$10,271**.  
Winners last week: the Ticket draw was Marie Small (ticket #16106) who drew the Queen of Spades and won \$475.00 and the 50/50 draw winner was Carol Dicks who won \$625.00.

***Reflection:***

***Working with love***

All work is empty save when done with love.  
And what is it to work with love?  
It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.

It is to build a house with affection, even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.  
If you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work, and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms from those who work with joy.

For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half of man’s hunger.

And if you grudge the crushing of the grapes, Your grudge distils a poison in the wine.  
Work is love made visible.

*Kahlil Gibran*  
*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,*  
*Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.123*